

4. While Yen credit has been used to finance the foreign exchange cost of the Bhatinda and Panipat projects, there is no foreign financial collaboration. M/s. Toyo Engineering Corporation of Japan were engaged as contractors for the supply of technical know-how, process and basic engineering, for procurement assistance and assistance in commissioning.

5. M/s NFL had also prepared a Feasibility Report for setting up a fertilizer project at Mathura based on naphtha. However, in the context of availability of associated gas/free gas from the Bombay High and Bassein structures and in Assam, it has now been decided to take up for implementation two new plants in 1977-78 and two new plants in 1978-79, based on gas.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Employees in the units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited

4881. SHRI A. K. ROY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what is number of scheduled castes and Scheduled tribes employees in all the units in all the grades of the different units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. and the percentages of the total employees in the same;

(b) what are the percentages of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the recruits in Fertilizer Corporation of India during emergency; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to restore the percentages of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the Units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India to its prescribed level?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The required information is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-827/77.]

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

(c) The FCI have been advised to comply with the directions of Government relating to the reservation of posts for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. A directive to this effect was also issued as early as May, 1971. In pursuance of these instructions the FCI has taken steps as a result of which there has been some improvement in the representation

of SCs/STs in the FCI. The FCI is being asked to provide pre-entry training facilities to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes for those categories of posts where they are not generally available. Further, the question of filling up reserved promotion posts by special drive for recruitment from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the event of non-availability of departmental SC/ST candidates from the open area is also under consideration.

Proposal to construct Overbridge at Crossing near Ankleshwar

4882. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an over-bridge on the crossing near Ankleshwar ;

(b) if so, the progress thereof; and

(c) when will this over-bridge be completed to avoid untoward incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) Yes, this work has been included in the Railway's Works Programme of 1977-78.

(b) Plans and estimates are presently under finalisation.

(c) The Railway's portion of the over-bridge is expected to be completed by 1980, subject to availability of funds.

Payment of Project Allowance to Employees of Ankleshwar

4883. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the project allowance was paid to the employees of Ankleshwar;

(b) whether the same has been stopped; and

(c) the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to restore it ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.